NEW SONIC UNDERGROUND

"Girl Power"

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TEASER

FADE IN:

EXT. EMPTY VALLEY OUTSIDE ROBOTROPOLIS - EARLY MORNING

It was around 4 AM. The sky was as clear as it could get on a December night, it was full moon and everything seemed to be perfectly easy and quiet. The snow laid like a thick carpet on the ground and in the beginning of a forest, the Sonic Underground van stood, almost covered by snow too.

DISSOLVE TO.

INT. SONIC UNDERGROUND VAN - ESTABLISHING

Inside the van, SONIA and MANIC were asleep and here, the only sounds that were heard were Manic's soft snoring and sleep mumbling. PAN TO bedroom doorway. By the bedroom door is SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, holding a wooden spoon and a pot. Sonic stepped forward and started BANGING the wooden spoon on a pot, making Sonia and Manic sit up in their bunks with a SCREAM.

ANGLE ON SONIC

Sonic still banged and SMILED.

SONIC
Good morning!

Sonic STOPPED.

ANGLE ON SONIA AND MANIC

Manic YAWNED bluntly, rubbing the sleep out of his eyes.

MANIC
(dreary)
Awww, maaan, bro, what's up with this? It's 4 AM, even you should be asleep now!
(beat)
Well, I should, anyway!

He GRUMBLED. Sonia lay back in the bunk, covering her head with a pillow mumbling something about her brothers, having no mercy.

WIDE SHOT OF ALL THREE

SONIC
Ah, com' on! Cyrus just called, we've gotta get to Robotropolis.
(MORE)

SONIC (CONT'D)
Robotnik’s rebuilt the prison building and some new factories, we've gotta blow them up at the same time!

Sonic TAPPED HIS FOOT.

MANIC
How come we have to do it NOW?

Manic got out of his bunk and put his shoes on.

MANIC (CONT'D)
It doesn't exactly sound like it's urgent—

SONIC
(interrupting)
Well, it is! The new SWAT bot factory is pretty big. It could improve the production of SWAT bots with at least 20% like this!

Sonic quickly SNAPPED his finger in front of Manic's face making him almost fall backwards while he was messing with his laces.

SONIA
But, we’re still in training. You said it wasn't time for a mission yet.

Sonia lifted an eyebrow.

SONIC
Well, we need you here, Sonia. We've got nobody else at the moment, and besides, you seem to be great at this already.

Sonic GRINNED. Manic walked over and helped her down from her bunk.

MANIC
You'll do fine. I was raised on the streets. I’m a fighter born and raised.

Sonia SIGHED.

SONIA
I know. I'm a black belt in Wu-Shu, but I still don't think we're ready for any big fights as of yet. Can it wait 'til morning?

Sonia LAID back in bed and put the pillows and blankets over her head.

CLOSE ON SONIC

Sonic SNICKERED quietly and walked over to her.

SONIC
Yo, sleeping beauty! It's time to get up!

He quickly snatched both the pillow and blanket, making Sonia send him a look that insured him she'd probably send him FLYING to Robotropolis.

SONIA
(muttering)
Boys.

She got out of her bunk. Sonic and Manic SNICKERED.

SONIC
Ok, guys, if anybody wants breakfast, it's now. We're leaving in 30 minutes.

Sonic pointed to the already set table for breakfast.

BLACK OUT.

OPENING CREDITS ROLL

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

INT. SONIC UNDERGROUND VAN - MOVING - DAWN

About 30 minutes later, the three were already in their seats, on the way towards Robotropolis. Sonia was writing in her diary and Manic just watched her, silent. He cleared his throat.

MANIC
Sis, whatcha writing?

Sonia looked up from her writing, somehow confused.

SONIA
Huh? Oh, it's diary.

She smiled at him and then, continued her writing.

MANIC
Oh.
(pause)
By the way, can I... ask you a question?

He moved, somewhat nervously, in his seat. Sonia NODDED while she continued writing.

MANIC (CONT'D)
Before we reunited after 16 years of separation... where did you live?

Sonia's pencil SLIPPED out of her hand. Sonic took a glance behind him, while still driving.

SONIA
I...
(sigh)
... was raised by Lady Windermere.

Sonic picked up her pencil, she continued writing while biting in her lip. Manic seemed sort of surprised. He never expected her to answer the question. In the week she had been there, she had always moved on to another subject, avoiding answering any question about her past at all. He didn't want to make her sad, he just wanted to communicate with her.

SONIC
What about the rest of your foster family, what were they called?

Jennifer looked up, once again biting in her lip, sighing.

SONIA
Just Lady Windermere. I had my Aunt Amanda, as well, and my grandparents. When I felt I couldn't rely on Windermere, I always went to my aunt. My grandparents were in northern Mobius so, I rarely saw them. Lady Windermere hadn't time to go somewhere, just to spend one single weekend or so. They were business people, always working, never home, but I loved them.

She SMILED at Sonic and Manic.

SONIC
Why didn't you just go to your grandparents? I mean—

Sonic was cut off when Sonia shook her head.

SONIA
They were far away. I'd need a car, and my parents wouldn't let me get my driver's license before I was 16.

MANIC
Far away?

Sonia NODDED.

SONIA
Yes.

She turned, and started looking for something. After a while, she pulled a book out of her backpack. She put it down in front of Manic and opened it. A map.

ANGLE ON MAP

SONIA (CONT'D)
This is the most northern areas of Mobius. We lived there.

She pointed at a state on the coast.

SONIA (CONT'D)
And my grandparents lived around there.

She pointed at another little state.

SONIA (CONT'D)
We had to move here too it make the trip a lot longer. I'm glad we didn't do it though. We had the money, but my parents didn't want to. I, well, I didn't really care. I bet I wouldn't have had any friends there, and I wouldn't leave the few ones I had in Robotropolis, and I wouldn’t of had met you guys.

She pointed at another spot on the map. She closed the book and put it back in her backpack.

SONIA (CONT'D)
How about our real mother, Aleena? How was she?

Sonic and Manic looked at each other.

SONIC
Well, I don't think any of us would remember her. She split us up when we were about one year old.

MANIC
(dreamy-eyes)
Ah, those diaper days.

Sonic still kept an eye on the road. Sonia looked down at the ground.

SONIA
Oh, sorry, I didn't mean to—

SONIC
Never mind that. We were raised by other people, remember. I was raised by some mountaineers. Mother, father, had everything I needed too. But Robotnik found out they weren't paying taxes and he robotosized them. So I lived with my Uncle Chuck `till I was 15 and found out about you guys and was reunited with you. Buttnik roboticized my uncle as well and I got away

Sonic SIGHED heavily.

MANIC
And I was supposed to be raised by some aristocrat or something. But a thief stole the basket I was in and I ended up being raised by Farrell, another thief. When I found you two, he was roboticized as well... trust me, a life in the sewer might sound gross and so on, but I had a wonderful childhood.

He looked out of the window. Sonia seemed to be all ears. She just listened, dumbfounded.

SONIA
Listen, I'm sorry about it. I miss my parents, too, but, at least I know my real mother is alive. It must be terrible for you!

She shook her head. Sonic smiled.

SONIC
It's OK. Well, we'll get all of them back when the war is over. It'll be fine.

SONIA
Yeah.

Sonia bit in her lip. Manic put a hand on her shoulder.

MANIC
We're all in this together, sis. No matter what, we're all there for each other, including you.

SONIA
Right. Thank you.

She SMILED wryly.

EXT. SONIC UNDERGROUND VAN - MOVING

They finally arrived by Robotropolis. They were about 300 meters away from the city. The van STOPPED.

CUT TO:

EXT. BOMB SHELTER - ROBOTROPOLIS

Two furries, named MILES TAILS PROWER and a purple hedgehog named ALEENA, stood in front of a small bomb shelter.

TAILS
Here it is, Aleena.

ALEENA
(confused)
What is it?

TAILS
It's our new home.

ALEENA
Tails, it's a small bomb shelter.

TAILS
Looks can be deceiving, your majesty. Follow me.

Tails and Aleena WALKED to the front door. Tails UNLOCKED it and OPENED it. Behind the door is a STAIRWELL leading down.

ALEENA
Underground?

TAILS
Yup. SWAT Bot radars can't even detect it. Let's go.

The two walked down the stairs. Tails CLOSED the door behind him, leaving Tails and Aleena in TOTAL DARKNESS.

ALEENA (O.S.)
Um, Tails.

TAILS (O.S.)
Give me a minute while I try to find the light switch.

Footsteps are heard, then a CRASH!

TAILS (CONT'D) (O.S.)
Aleena? You okay?

ALEENA (O.S.)
(groans)
Yeah, I'm fine. I tripped on something.

TAILS (O.S.)
Be careful.

ALEENA (O.S.)
I'll try. I just can't see anything.

After a short pause, Tails FELT the walks.

TAILS (O.S.)
Okay, I think I found the switch.

Then, the room LIT UP while Tails was being ELECTROCUTED!

ALEENA
Tails?!

Then, the room went to DARKNESS again.

TAILS (O.S.)
Whew! I'm okay.

ALEENA (O.S.)
I saw the switch. I got it.

FOOTSTEPS are heard, then a CRASH.

TAILS (O.S.)
Aleena, you okay?

ALEENA (O.S.)
Yeah, I'm—
(pause)
Oh, great. My foot's stuck.

TAILS (O.S.)
Hang on, I'll just light a match.

Then, the room DIMLY LIT UP with Tails holding a CIGARETTE LIGHTER in his hand. Tails clearly saw an ANGRY look on Aleena's face.

ALEENA
You knew you had that lighter the whole time?

TAILS
Yeah, I was—
(pause)
Oh! Sorry.

Tails TURNED and turned on the LIGHT, which FLOODED the room in light.

TAILS (CONT'D)
Well, this is our new home.

ALEENA
Wow, this place looks superb! A martial arts gym, a bedroom, a media room.

Tails GRINNED. Aleena looked down to see that her foot was actually caught under a bench. She easily LIFTED it off her foot.

TAILS
It has everything.

ALEENA
Wow. Hey, where's the bathroom?

Tails PAUSED and SWEATED.

ALEENA (CONT'D)
(angrily)
Tails, don't tell me you—

TAILS
(laughs)
Fooled you! It's in the back.

Aleena looked back and saw a door.

ALEENA
Okay, well...

Aleena looked around the place.

TAILS
I designed it all myself.

ALEENA
I always admit that you were a good designed.

Tails BLUSHED.

TAILS
Uh, gee, thanks.

ALEENA
So, this is our new home?

TAILS
Well, for the time being. It's far from the Underground Headquarters, but you can still get to spy on your children.

Aleena GIGGLED.

ALEENA
Oh, I wouldn't say I SPY on them.

TAILS
You’re just protective of ‘em.

Aleena SIGHED sadly. She then SAT on the workout bench. Tails SAT next to her.

TAILS (CONT'D)
You miss them badly.

ALEENA
I never really got to experience them growing up.

TAILS
But you’re also proud of them. They lived a great life, then they met, and they understand pretty much everything now.

ALEENA
Except when this prophecy will actually occur.

Tails SIGHED and placed his arm around Aleena.

TAILS
It’s okay. The most important thing so far is that they’ve got each other.

Aleena forced herself to SMIRK.

ALEENA
That’s true.

TAILS
Yeah.

There was a pause of silence between the two.

ALEENA
Tails?

TAILS
Yeah?

ALEENA
Even though you are about twenty years younger than me, you are a great a listener and a friend to me.

Tails BLUSHED as that.

TAILS
Thanks, your majesty.

ALEENA
Aleena, Tails. Just call me Aleena. And thank you so much for getting us this place to live.

PAN OUT to see the entire place. No windows, comfy beds, lights, a gym, a workout station, televisions, and everything high-tech.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

EXT. HILL - DAWN

Sonic looked down at the city through some binoculars from the hill they stood on. They could already smell the pollution. He turned to the others as they stepped out of the van as well.

SONIC
OK, guys, here's the plan. Manic, you go check the prison building while Sonia plants explosives by the main building and the new factory. I'll cover you all by teasing the SWAT butts a bit!

He gave a box to Sonia, and she opened it.

SONIA
Wow, this stuff is hot. This is powerful. This is a blast.
(pause)
What is this?

SONIC
That's C4.

MANIC
C4? Man, that's C4? Not even Robotnik could get his hand on this stuff.

SONIC
Just plant as much as you can, is, OK? We'll all meet back here in 30 minutes.

Sonia NODDED.

SONIA
That's all?

Sonic NODDED.

SONIC
That's everything! Let's do it to it!

He slapped the others a high five and they all ran off.

ANGLE ON SONIA AND MANIC

Manic TAPPED Sonia's shoulder.

MANIC
Sonia.

SONIA
What, Manic? We should get going, I mean.

MANIC
I know, but, I just wanted to say, good luck.

He cleared his throat. Sonia smiled.

SONIA
Thanks, I can take care of myself. And, be careful.

MANIC
Of course, you too.

He rubbed his arm. Sonia suddenly hugged him, making him look surprised for a moment. When she let go, he stood, grinning, crimson in his face.

MANIC (CONT'D)
Wh-what was that for?

Manic rubbed his arm again.

SONIA
Well, I thought you deserved it... for saying that stuff in the van. I mean, I do really appreciate it. You are my little brother and all, even if I was told on such short notice, and here we are.

She shrugged her shoulders.

MANIC
Oh, no problem. Just being protective.

SONIA
Well, we'd better go.

MANIC
Yeah.

SONIA
See ya, then.

MANIC
See ya.

Sonia NODDED and ran off. Manic looked after her until she was out of sight. Then, he sighed heavily.

MANIC (CONT'D)
Boy, she hugged me.

He half smiled, still looking in the direction Sonia ran off. Then, he SLAPPED himself.

MANIC (CONT'D)
What the heck is happening to me, man! I mean, she's my sister, and I love her... well, not romantically, but I... I'm talking to myself.

He shook his head and then, ran off as well.

WIPE TO.

EXT. SWAT BOT FACTORY

Meanwhile, Sonic was speeding around, just teasing the SWAT bots, which energetically tried to shoot him with glue and stun guns.

CLOSE ON SONIC

He stopped in the middle of a crowd.

SONIC
Weeeell, slow-mos, if it can't go any faster than this, I suppose I've gotta help you!

WIDER

He quickly avoided some shots, spinning into the SWAT bots, smashing most of them. After a few seconds like this, all of the bots were destroyed. Sonic looked around at all of the smashed bots.

SONIC (CONT'D)
Looks like Sleet and Dingo will have some work to do. Cleaning up, what a pity.

He shook his head while brushing the dirt off his hands.

SLEET (O.S.)
Well, well, well hedgehog.

Sonic suddenly heard a voice behind him. Before he got to turn around, somebody hit him over the head, knocking him out. PAN UP to see SLEET and DINGO standing over the unconscious Sonic.

CLOSE ON SLEET AND DINGO

Sleet looked at the hedgehog on the ground and turned to Dingo.

SLEET (CONT'D)
One down and three to go. At least it's a start.

Sleet GRINNED evilly, looking to Sonic again. He ripped the medallion off his neck.

SLEET (CONT'D)
Just in case he wakes up! Let's get him to the panzered cell! I suppose Manic is already there, waiting for us.

Dingo PICKED UP Sonic and the two WALKED AWAY.

WIPE TO.

EXT. PRISON BUILDING

Manic checked the screwdriver he was using and tried to break the lock once again. No luck this time either. He gritted his teeth, trying to break the lock, twisting and turning the screwdriver in it. Nothing happened.

MANIC
What a piece of—

He KICKED the door, furiously, and it slammed open. He smirked.

MANIC (CONT'D)
I'll take that back!

INT. PRISON BUILDING

He quickly ran inside and through the corridor, checking the cells one by one. Nothing but mice and rats seemed to be there. When he was by one of the last cells, a SWAT bot suddenly stepped out in front of him, forcing him to stop.

SWAT BOT
Freeze!

MANIC
Hey, you haven't learned your lessons, dude! One bot ain't enough to keep this hedgehog for long!

Manic pulled out his drumsticks and swung them in the air, ready to throw them at the bot when it started aiming at him with a glue gun. He stopped swinging the drumsticks and gasped loud when at least nine more bots stepped out.

CLOSE ON MANIC

He grinned.

MANIC (CONT'D)
On the other hand, ten SHOULD be enough! See ya!

He quickly turned around and started sprinting towards the exit. Quickly, the ten SWAT Bots gave chase.

SERIES OF SHOTS - PRISON BUILDING - CHASE

Manic RAN through the corridors with the SWAT Bots chasing him. When he got to the door and tried to open it, it was locked again. He tried to kick it, but nothing happened. He was trapped between the shooting SWAT bots and the wall.

SWAT BOT
Get back here!

Manic SWEATED and looked around. He saw something. So, he ran to a wall, JUMPED, KICKED off the wall to heighten his jump, then he GRABBED onto a beam. Instantly, he FLIPPED himself over and into the catwalks above.

ON SWAT BOTS

The SWAT Bots STOPPED and looked up. They saw Manic trying to escape through the windows, but found each one locked.

SWAT BOT (CONT'D)
Your four, go around.

Four SWAT Bots left into another room.

FOLLOWING FOUR SWAT BOTS

The four SWAT Bots ran in an OFFICE and started to get to the vents. Then, a SHADOW flew by across the CAM. The SWAT Bots STOPPED what they were doing and stared at where they saw the shadow.

UNKNOWN P.O.V.

In the shadows, someone is watching the four SWAT Bots. The owner is BREATHING HEAVILY and with a SNARL.

ON SWAT BOTS

One of the SWAT Bots slowly walked to the shadows in the corner of the room and disappeared.

PAUSE

Suddenly, they heard a SLASH sound, then the SWAT Bot fell out of the shadows, offline.

SWAT BOT (CONT'D)
Who's there?
(no answer)
Come out where I can see you!

Then they heard a MENACING LAUGHTER from the shadows... then a GLIMMER slide away. The SWAT Bots finally realize that they are not alone.

ANGLE ON MANIC

Manic DASHED across the beam, as the SWAT Bots climbed up to get him.

MANIC
Why me? Why does it have to be me?

WIDER

Manic ran across the beam, and then he was blocked by a SWAT Bot in front of him. Then another bot dropped in behind him.

SWAT BOT
Freeze.

Manic stood there. Then, he JUMPED.

ANOTHER ANGLE

Manic jumped right on top of another SWAT Bot, crushing its head. He then got up and DASHED OFF another direction.

INT. TORTURE CHAMBER

Manic DOVE inside the torture chamber and froze when he saw all the equipment inside.

MANIC
This is so not a cool place to hang around.

He heard SWAT Bots coming, so he hid behind a table.

ANGLE ON DOOR
Five SWAT Bots entered the room. Slowly, they began searching.

ANGLE ON MANIC
Manic CURLED up under the table and quivered in fear. He looked over and saw the SWAT Bots feet approaching the table. He QUIVERED again. Then he noticed one of the SWAT Bots started bending over to look under the table.

ANGLE ON SWAT BOTS

Just as the bot was about to see Manic, a WHISTLE is heard.

SWAT BOT
What was that?

The SWAT Bots stared off into the shadows. Three of them walked into the shadows.

UNKNOWN P.O.V.

Someone is watching them coming. Then, that someone CHARGED at a SWAT Bot.

ANGLE ON MANIC

Manic heard a SWAT Bot SQUEAL offline. Then two more just like it.

SWAT BOT (O.S.) (CONT'D)
What's going on?
(pause)
AAAHHH!!!

Manic heard TWO quick SLASHES and two CLANGS of the SWAT Bots dropping. Manic QUIVERED again. He CRAWLED out from under the table... just in time to see the shadowy figure disappear into the shadows.

MANIC
Uh, I don't know about these SWAT Bot dudes, but I'm keeping my distance from you.

He sweated and backed off to the door.

MANIC (CONT'D)
(fear)
Ya know, I'm not gunna hurt ya, man. I'll leave ya alone, ya hear me? I'm just gunna—

Manic TURNED only to BUMP into a SWAT Bot.

SWAT BOT
Got you!

The SWAT Bot reached down, PINCHED Manic's neck, and Manic fell unconscious. The SWAT Bot picked Manic up and LEFT THE ROOM. Once gone, PAN TO the shadows. STEPPING out of the shadows, emitting his face with light, was actually Tails the whole time.

TAILS
(whispering to self)
Manic? Danget, I got to get Aleena.

Tails TURNED to the exit, passed some conveyor belts with large objects on them. Tails walked with his back to the cam. Once an object passed by him, covering him up to the frame, Tails just disappeared.

CUT TO:

INT. FACTORY - CATWALK

The factory was dark, cold, dirty, and wet, not a place for Sonia to be in her opinion. She crawled fast, trying to get to the end of it as soon as possible. Finally, she reached the end of the platform and quickly planted the rest of the explosives. She looked at her watch. 10 minutes left `till she had to be back at the rendezvous.

SONIA
Well, that's enough.

She started making her way back. She stopped when she heard a sound coming from underneath the catwalk. She looked through a grating nearby and saw some SWAT Bots walk by, right down under her. She didn't move, holding her breath while biting in her lip intensely.

ANGLE ON SWAT BOTS

The SWAT Bots walked by without noticing her at all.

ANGLE ON SONIA

Suddenly, she SNEEZED. The SWAT Bots STOPPED.

SONIA (CONT'D)
(whispering)
Oh, shoot.

She started crawling fast. Suddenly, a ray from a stun gun passed right in front of her, making her fall back.

WIDER

A grating behind her opened and some SWAT Bots came in.

SONIA (CONT'D)
This is just GREAT!

She started crawling through the catwalk, fast, with the SWAT Bots crawling after her.

EXT. FACTORY

She got out of it, closed the hatch right in front of the SWAT Bots and started running through the streets, avoiding the shots from the robots that followed her.

CUT TO:

EXT. HILL

At the other end of the city, Aleena stood on a hill with binoculars.

ALEENA
Tails, where are you?

TAILS (O.S.)
Behind you.

Aleena JUMPED, then settled down. She looked down to see Tails standing right behind her.

ALEENA
Tails, you know I don’t like it when you do that!

TAILS
Sorry, it’s a habit.

ALEENA
Well, how was the recon?

Aleena looked through her binoculars again.

TAILS
You'll be angry, but I saw Manic there.

ALEENA
Manic?

TAILS
Yup, and he's in Robotnik's grasp.

Aleena GRUNTED and THREW DOWN her binoculars.

TAILS (CONT'D)
Sorry.

ALEENA
No, not your fault.

Aleena SIGHED

TAILS
If there's anything I can do, I'm willing to take it.

ALEENA
Nothing much that you can do. I noticed Sonic getting taken by Sleet and Dingo.

TAILS
What?
(sarcastically)
Well, that's just great! Manic's captured, Sonic's captured!

ALEENA
What about Sonia?

TAILS
If you heard the way she talked earlier, she sounded depressed.

ALEENA
You talked to her?

TAILS
No, I overheard them from the bugs I planted on their van.

ALEENA
You did what?

TAILS
I had to keep an eye on them without exposing myself. I was taught to stay hidden.

ALEENA
Well, you have a choice, I don't. Tails, you don't have to stay hidden. I'm the one in hiding.

TAILS
I know, it's just that—
(pause)
Hey, Aleena, maybe I could take the van and try to find Sonia.

ALEENA
You sure?

TAILS
If I can fly, I can drive.

ALEENA
Well, alright. Be careful.

Tails TURNED on his heel and DASHED off. As he leaves, we...

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN:

EXT. SWAT BOT FACTORY

Sonia had already realized she couldn't get away from the SWATbot, but still, she kept on running.

ANOTHER ANGLE

After running for a few seconds more, she suddenly SLID and ended up in a heap of snow. The SWAT Bots started catching up to her, but she jumped out of the heap and started running again. After a while she slid again. She tried to get up but fell. The SWAT Bots surrounded her closely. She sat up, looking at all of them.

SONIA
Well, this can't be good.

She reluctantly put her hands in the air.

ON SONIA AND SWAT BOT

Right when a SWAT Bot tried to walk over to pick her up, something SCREECHED behind them and all of the bots turned around while Sonia quickly got up. One of the SWAT Bots tried to grab her again but suddenly, the van came racing over the hill, smashing the crowd of bots that surrounded Sonia.

ANGLE ON VAN

Tails showed up in the door, looking down at the SWAT Bots.

TAILS
Whoops, that's gonna hurt in the morning.

Sonia JUMPED into the van and they both ran to the seats.

INT. VAN

Tails SHIFTED into gear.

TAILS
Buckle up, Sonia!

Tails HIT the gas.

EXT. VAN

The van SWERVED away and escaped from the factory.

WIPE TO.

INT. PRISON CELL - JUST AFTER DAWN

Sonic lay unconscious on the ground. Then his eyes started BLINKING, while moaning quietly.

MANIC (O.S.)
Bro? Are you awake?

He noticed Manic sitting beside him. Sonic nodded, bluntly.

SONIC
I am. Man, where are we? And how many elephants ran over my head?

He sat up, rubbing his head.

SLEET (O.S.)
Well, well, well! The hedgehog is awake!

A voice, followed by an evil laugh made both Sonic and Manic turn around.

ANGLE ON CELL DOOR

Sleet stood in front of the cell they were in. Sonic felt for his medallion. There was nothing.

SLEET (CONT'D)
Looking for this?

Sleet pulled the medallion out of his pocket. Sonic groaned.

SONIC
I think my headache just grew.

SLEET
Oh, don't worry, it'll be over as soon as you're roboticized! After we've got your sister of course, it'd be much easier if you just told me where Sonia is and get it over with it at the same.

Sleet FOLDED HIS ARMS.

SONIC
Why don't you just make it easier for yourself and let us go? You know we'll escape in the end anyways!

Sonic walked over and leaned against the bars while looking at Sleet, smirking.

SLEET
Nice try, hedgehog! But not this time, all SWAT Bots are already out, looking for your sister! They have no chance! And you don't either... ahh, what a pity!

Sleet LAUGHED quietly and then, walked away followed by the SWAT Bots.

ANGLE ON HEDGEHOGS

Manic ran to the bars.

MANIC
You and your lousy SWAT Bots ain't got a chance against Sonia! Never! NEVER! I'll kill you before you even TOUCH HER!

He cried after Sleet and the bots. Sonic looked STUNNED.

SONIC
Manic, bro, what's up? Take a chill pill, man!

Manic BREATHED out and sat down on the plank bed.

MANIC
Jeez, sorry.

He rested his head on his hands.

SONIC
Hey, can't you break the lock? The goons are gone.

Sonic pointed to the lock. Manic SHOOK HIS HEAD.

MANIC
Sleet took my lock breaking tools... every hairpin.

SONIC
(sarcastically)
Well… this is starting to get good.

WIPE TO.

EXT. VALLEY - SUNRISE

After driving for a while, Tails and Sonia finally got out of the city and Tails parked the van, sitting back in his seat.

INT. VAN

Tails LEANED back, exhausted.

SONIA
Tails, shouldn't we get the boys too? I mean, they could already be waiting for us by the hills.

Tails SHOOK HIS HEAD.

TAILS
They're not, Sonia.

He looked out of the window.

TAILS (CONT'D)
'cuz they're caught.

SONIA
What?!

TAILS
They're caught.

SONIA
SAY WHAT?! ROBOTNIK GOT THEM?!

Sonia GRABBED Tails by his collar and shook him. Instantly, Tails GRABBED Sonia's wrists, FLIPPED Sonia out of the seat, and literally THREW her across the van.

TAILS
(sternly)
Sonia, you know I'm a black belt. Don't touch me again.

Sonia GOT up, not caring for her pain.

SONIA
Then, we've gotta get them out, but how?

Sonia walked to the front and sat back in her seat again. She looked at the snow, then, she SMIRKED.

SONIA (CONT'D)
Those bots, they short circuit if they get wet, right?

Tails NODDED.

TAILS
Of course, why?

SONIA
Snow is water!

Sonia pointed at the snow. Tails looked confused for a moment. Then, he smirked back at Sonia.

TAILS
Then, let the snow battle begin!

Sonia and Tails GRINNED EVILLY.

EXT. VAN

Sonia and Tails RAN out with some shovels and started shoveling the snow.

SONIA
So, we are going to save them?

TAILS
Wrong.

Sonia STOPPED in her tracks.

SONIA
What? But I thought you were going to fight with me.

TAILS
I can't. When I fight, I must stay as discreet as possible. Nope, Sonia, YOU are going to fight.

SONIA
Me? But I've only been a freedom fighter for about a week. I just met my brothers, you know.

TAILS
I know—

SONIA
Are you SURE you do or are you just saying that?

TAILS
Sonia... I was THERE when you guys met!

SONIA
But I didn’t see you.

TAILS
I was there, trust me. And so was your mom. In fact, she’s probably watching over us right now.

WIPE TO:

INT. PRISON CELL

Sonic and Manic still sat on the plank bed, saying nothing when some figures appeared in front of the cell. Both of them looked up.

ANGLE ON DOOR

Robotnik, Sleet, Dingo and a couple of SWAT Bots stood in front of the cell. Robotnik rubbed his hands.

ROBOTNIK
“Well, the two Royal hedgehogs, or should I say the two FORMERLY royal hedgehogs?

He laughed evilly. Sonic got up.

SONIC
Hey, Buttnik! No matter what you do, we'll always be of royalty!

ROBOTNIK
Not after today! When the sun sets, I will be the new ruler of Mobius! And you will be nothing but dust! I'll roboticize your sister, and when that's done she'll get the honor of turning you into mincemeat under my command!

Robotnik pointed to both Sonic and Manic. Manic SLOWLY walked to Robotnik. Robotnik KNEELED down to see what Manic had to say.

MANIC
She'd never do that! Roboticized or not, she'll never work for you!

Manic GULPED in a lot of saliva and SPAT in Robotnik's face. Angrily, Robotnik WIPED it away with his hand.

SONIC
Face it, Robotnik, good will always win! You've never won, and you never will!

Sonic folded his arms.

ROBOTNIK
Is that so? Then, let's see who's the winner tomorrow! Me or you and your pathetic crowd of freedom fighters!

He looked Sonic straight in his eyes. Then, a female voice SCREAMED from behind.

SONIA (O.S.)
The only pathetic person I see around here is you!

Sleet and Dingo turned around just in time to see Sonia fire some snowballs at them.

SONIA (CONT'D)
Here it comes, Buttnik! FIRE!

Robotnik on the other hand did not get to turn around before a snowball hit his neck. He turned, furiously, noticing Sonia too.

ROBOTNIK
Sonia?! GET HER! I WANT HER ALIVE!

He pointed to the girl and some SWAT Bots started walking towards her.

ANGLE ON SONIA

Sonia pulled out a RADIO.

SONIA
(in radio)
Ready, Tails?

Sonia picked some snowballs up.

EXT. HILLS

Tails is laying prone on his stomach wearing full white winter coats, camouflaged with the snow, and he has a long laser gun with a scope on it.

TAILS
(in radio)
All ready.

Tails PLACED his finger on the trigger.

INT. PRISON BUILDING

Sonia held up a snowball.

SONIA
Then, FIRE!

Sonia threw the snowballs at the SWAT Bots, hitting a few, making them short circuit.

EXT. HILLS

Tails shot a PULSE BLAST with his eye buried deep in the scope.

INT. PRISON BUILDING

The blast hits a SWAT Bot, causing it to fall back. Instantly, Robotnik, Sleet, and Dingo JUMPED behind some crates.

ANGLE ON SONIA

Sonia SKIDDED around, dodging laser blasts from the SWAT Bots. She SPUN on her butt and threw another snowball, causing the SWAT Bot to short circuit.

MANIC (O.S.)
Behind you!

Sonia looked behind her, and there stood a SWAT Bot!

EXT. HILLS

Tails FIRED another blast.

INT. PRISON

The SWAT Bot fell from that blast.

ANGLE ON ROBOTNIK, SLEET, AND DINGO

Another SWAT Bot is shot. Then two more short-circuited.

SLEET
Where is that coming from?

ROBOTNIK
Someone's out there!

Robotnik peeked over the crate.

ROBOTNIK'S P.O.V.

He is looking out the broken window and saw a little tiny "bump" on the hill. Then, a laser blast shot right from it and it came INCHES away from Robotnik's face!

ANGLE ON THREE BADNICKS

Robotnik DUCKED.

DINGO
(romantically)
Sonia.

Sleet SLAPPED HIM across the face.

SLEET
Get her, idiot!

DINGO
Oh, right!

Dingo started running towards Sonia but was covered in snow before he reached her.

ROBOTNIK
Sleet!

SLEET
Yes?

ROBOTNIK
Someone's up on the hill. Send SWAT Bots up there!

SLEET
Right away, sir!

WIDER

Sleet quickly GOT UP and DASHED across the room.

TAILS' P.O.V.

Everything is quiet, except for the snow blowing in the wind. As Sleet ran across the room, Tails had him in his cross hairs. He FIRED a blast.

ANGLE ON SLEET

Sleet ran, DODGING the blast that burnt his cape. Finally, he DOVE into a room.

INT. RADIO ROOM

Sleet picked up a radio and YELLED in it.

SLEET
SWAT Bots! Attack on the hill!

EXT. PRISON

A squad of SWAT Bots, on hover vehicles, FLEW toward the hills where Tails is.

INT. PRISON BUILDING

The SWAT Bots were finished as well, and only Robotnik back. Sonia STEPS INTO FRAME from the side (Clint Eastwood style).

ANGLE ON SONIA

Sonia HELD onto a snowball with a DEVIL-LIKE GRIN on her face.

SONIA
Oh, looks like I missed someone!

She threw it at Robotnik, who quickly ran off right before the snowball hit. Sonia LAUGHED.

SONIA (CONT'D)
Alright! Girl Power!

EXT. HILL

The SWAT Bots arrive on the hill to see Tails lying prone with his laser gun.

SWAT BOT
Freeze! You are under arrest!

One of the SWAT Bots walked to Tails and VIOLENTLY picked him up.

CLOSE ON TAILS

As the SWAT Bot picked him up, a string attached to something broke, and then a BEEPING SOUND is heard.

WIDER

The SWAT Bots STARE at Tails, which happens to be a DOLL!

SWAT BOT (CONT'D)
What's that beeping sound?

The SWAT Bot examined the Tails doll. He LIFTED the coat and, taped to the chest, was a bunch of C4 and a timer. The timer read 3, 2, 1.

EXT. ANOTHER HILL

A HUGE MUSHROOM EXPLOSION formed over the hill. Watching from a distance are Tails and Aleena.

ALEENA
Well, think they liked their surprise?

TAILS
I'm sure they did.

The two LAUGHED.

ALEENA
How are my kids?

TAILS
Safe. They're leaving just this minute.

Aleena looked at her watch.

ALEENA
Well, they better hurry! Those explosives they place will blow at any minute!

Tails WIDENED HIS EYES.

TAILS
I forgot about that!

Tails reached for his radio, but realized it is not on him.

TAILS (CONT'D)
Shoot! I left my radio with the dummy.

The two LOOK OUT across the snow-covered city in fear.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT THREE

ACT FOUR

FADE IN:

INT. PRISON BUILDING

Sonia RAN to the prison cell.

SONIA
Are you guys alright?

SONIC
We're fine, but a problem here. We can't get out. Sleet has both of the medallions and bro's lock picking tools.

Sonic SHRUGGED his shoulders. Sonia then SHOOK HER HEAD with a grin.

SONIA
Not anymore.

She took off her backpack. Her brothers looked at her, confused.

SONIA (CONT'D)
You see, when Robotnik walked past me while I was hiding, I managed to get these.

She found a little box in her backpack and gave it to Manic.

SONIA (CONT'D)
I believe they belong to you.

Manic looked from the box to her in confusion.

MANIC
(stuttering)
You, you.

He stuttered, pointing at the box and then, at her.

SONIA
I got these as well, thought they belonged to somebody else other than Sleet, unless he's started playing drums and guitar!

She SNICKERED and pulled Sonic and Manic's medallions out of her backpack and gave them back as well. Manic's mouth dropped open.

MANIC
Wait a Mobius minute! You took these from Sleet?!

He pointed to his lock picking tools and his medallion.

Sonia BLUSHED and NODDED.

MANIC (CONT'D)
But how?

Manic scratched his head.

SONIA
“Well, as much as I hate stealing, I realized it’s not all bad. Besides, I’ve been watching you and I picked up some skills myself.

She grinned.

SONIA (CONT'D)
But I’m not going to be a full-time thief like you, Manic. I'm not gonna steal what I ought not steal, and I'll only use it if I need to. I promised myself that from the beginning.

SONIC
Well, that sounds sensible. But if I'm gonna spend one more minute in this cell, I'll starve to death! Chili-dogs on the breeze!

Sonic SPARKED his medallion.

MANIC
Please, allow me!

Manic took a screwdriver from the toolbox, walked past Sonic and the lock to the cell was broken in a matter of seconds.

MANIC (CONT'D)
Thank you, ladies and gentlemen!

Manic pushed a bit to the door and it opened. Sonia quickly ran over and hugged them.

MANIC (CONT'D)
Hey, hey, hey! Warm welcome! But what was that for, then?

Sonia shrugged her shoulders.

SONIA
For knowing you guys are alive, I guess. I miss my aristocratic life, but I can get use to this life. And, finally, my twelve years of martial arts could finally get some use.

SONIC
Really? Then you won't mind this!

They leaned over and hugged her as well.

SONIA
I—

Sonia forced herself to stop blushing.

SONIC
Probably not!

Sonic and Manic burst out in laughter. Sonia just smiled wryly. Then they released.

SONIC (CONT'D)
Anyway, this mission blew up in our faces, but we can always plant the explosives tomorrow I guess.

Sonia GRINNED evilly again.

SONIA
Well, I planted the explosives in the main building. We can still plant the rest where they are supposed to be! Robotnik's scared a like a little kid.

Sonic and Manic NODDED in agreement.

SONIA (CONT'D)
So, what do you say? I've been a freedom fighter for a week and I'm not going to fail it. I like good records.

MANIC
Looks like no failure this time, bro!

SONIC
You got it. Let's start planting.

They all DASHED out together toward the other buildings. As they planted, MUSIC played and Sonia SUNG the song.

SONIA
(singing)
SOME BOYS KISS ME, SOME BOYS HUG ME / I THINK THEY'RE O.K. / IF THEY DON'T GIVE ME PROPER CREDIT / I JUST WALK AWAY / THEY CAN BEG AND THEY CAN PLEAD / BUT THEY CAN'T SEE THE LIGHT, THAT'S RIGHT / 'CAUSE THE BOY WITH THE COLD HARD CASH / IS ALWAYS MISTER RIGHT, 'CAUSE WE ARE—

The music INCREASED and Sonia sung LOUDER.

SONIA (CONT'D)
(singing)
LIVING IN A MATERIAL WORLD / AND I AM A MATERIAL GIRL / YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE LIVING IN A MATERIAL WORLD / AND I AM A MATERIAL GIRL

Sonia SLOWED DOWN the music to normal and sung normally.

SONIA (CONT'D)
(singing)
SOME BOYS ROMANCE, SOME BOYS SLOW DANCE / THAT'S ALL RIGHT WITH ME / IF THEY CAN'T RAISE MY INTEREST THEN I / HAVE TO LET THEM BE / SOME BOYS TRY AND SOME BOYS LIE BUT / I DON'T LET THEM PLAY / ONLY BOYS WHO SAVE THEIR PENNIES / MAKE MY RAINY DAY, 'CAUSE THEY ARE—

The music INCREASED and Sonia sung LOUDER.

SONIA (CONT'D)
(singing)
LIVING IN A MATERIAL WORLD / AND I AM A MATERIAL GIRL / YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE LIVING IN A MATERIAL WORLD / AND I AM A MATERIAL GIRL

Sonia SLOWED DOWN the music and did a short INSTRUMENTAL SOLO while singing softly.

SONIA (CONT'D)
(singing)
LIVING IN A MATERIAL WORLD (MATERIAL) / LIVING IN A MATERIAL WORLD / LIVING IN A MATERIAL WORLD (MATERIAL) / LIVING IN A MATERIAL WORLD

Sonia then sung NORMALLY.

SONIA (SONT'D) (CONT'D)
(singing)
BOYS MAY COME AND BOYS MAY GO / AND THAT'S ALL RIGHT YOU SEE / EXPERIENCE HAS MADE ME RICH / AND NOW THEY'RE AFTER ME, 'CAUSE EVERYBODY'S—

The music INCREASED and Sonia sung LOUDER. They also planted the LAST explosive and SPED away.

SONIA (CONT'D)
(singing)
LIVING IN A MATERIAL WORLD / AND I AM A MATERIAL GIRL / YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE LIVING IN A MATERIAL WORLD / AND I AM A MATERIAL GIRL

The music kept the same rhythm. Sonia PRESSED a button on a remote. The factories BLEW UP!

SONIA (CONT'D)
(singing)
A MATERIAL, A MATERIAL, A MATERIAL, A MATERIAL WORLD / LIVING IN A MATERIAL WORLD (MATERIAL) / LIVING IN A MATERIAL WORLD / LIVING IN A MATERIAL WORLD (MATERIAL) / LIVING IN A MATERIAL WORLD

Then, Sonia FINISHED the song.

EXT. HILL

After the explosion and music, silence. Then, the three APPLAUDED, slapping each other a high-five.

SONIC
As said, good always wins! Let's get away from here guys!

He grabbed Sonia and Manic and sped off, towards the outskirts of the city and into the SUNRISE.

WIPE TO.

EXT. VAN - EVENING

In the evening, everything in the van seemed to be quiet.

INT. VAN

Sonic was driving the van while the others were relaxing. Sonia was looking through the stuff in her backpack when she noticed a note inside. She pulled it out and opened it.

SONIA
Guys, I've got something. From mom.

Sonic slammed the brakes and everybody turned to her.

SONIC / MANIC
MOM?!

Sonia NODDED.

SONIA
It says that she loves us
and we'll reunite with her soon.

She gave the note to Sonic who took it, slowly.

SONIA (CONT'D)
Guys, I know how much it hurts to
miss one's family. Trust me, I'm
there too.

She looked down at the floor. Manic put a hand on her shoulder, comforting while Sonic read the note. When he looked up, he gave it to Sonia again.

SONIC
You'd better read it yourself, sis.
You found it and it was in your
backpack.

He nodded to the note. Sonia looked from it to him for a moment. Then, she looked down at the note again.

SONIA
(reading)
My dear children.
(MORE)

SONIA (CONT'D)
I am proud of you and the way you made each other feel as much at home even with drastic changes.

ALEENA (V.O.)
(fades with Sonia)
She does not look like a freedom fighter, but inside, she has a heart and sole just like us. You know this, and I am sure the rest of Mobius will know this soon as well. I know you all miss your family but you, my children, are the only ones she has at the moment beside the rest of you in the resistance. She is fighting for our freedom and I would like to make it her freedom as well. Therefore, I would like you and everyone else to think of her as a Mobian from now on. Not a stranger, but a Mobian like yourselves. You became in harmony with each other, she became in harmony with you and I know this means you will be able to work together and overthrow Robotnik and make the prophecy come true. We will be together. We are all destined for the Royal family of Mobius, she has been ever since she was born. She will not only be a part of our family when we get reunited but also a part of Mobius. A Mobian.

SONIA
(fades with Aleena)
And this will happen soon. I love you. Queen Aleena.

Sonia stopped reading and looked out in the air for a moment.

SONIA (CONT'D)
I—

Her voice started trembling and before she was able to do anything, she burst out in tears, crying against Manic. Sonic looked at his siblings.

SONIC
Looks like the freedom fighters have a new true member.

He half smiled. Manic patted Sonia's back and when she finally stopped crying and looked at them she was close to bursting out in tears again.

SONIA
How? I mean, a part of you? A freedom fighter, how will I ever be that?

She dried the last tears away.

MANIC
I don't know, but we'll probably know soon. But until then, I'll be there for you, sis.

Manic put a hand on her shoulder.

SONIC
As long as you don't eat all of my chili-dogs, I'll be there, too.

He grinned. Sonia SNICKERED.

SONIA
You guys are the best!

SONIC
Anyway, we'd better find some place to sleep. Fine?

He looked at the two. They NODDED.

SONIA
And Sonic.

Sonia watched as he started the van.

SONIC
Yes?

SONIA
You can keep your chili-dogs.

SONIC
Sonia, you're all heart!

Sonic kept an eye on the road while Sonia and Manic burst out in laughter.

CUT TO:

INT. HIDEOUT - NIGHT

Tails WALKED IN the hideout, this time, remembering where the light swatch was.

TAILS
Aleena, I’m home.

Tails entered the gym and saw Aleena working out.

ALEENA
Hi, Tails.

Aleena is wearing a white undershirt, a sweatband, a pair of shorts, and sneakers. She is lying on a bench, lifting a barbell.

ALEENA (CONT'D)
13, 14, 15.

She set the barbells on the hooks and stood up.

TAILS
Well, I slipped the note to your kids.

ALEENA
And?

TAILS
They read it. They miss you more than you think.

Aleena GRABBED A TOWEL and started wiping her face.

ALEENA
Yeah, it’s heart breaking.

TAILS
I can sort of relate.

Aleena took some cloth wraps and wrapped them around her hand, like a boxer.

ALEENA
You do?

TAILS
Do you know my history?

ALEENA
Uh, no. Tell me.

Aleena stood in front of a punching bag and started beating it up.

CLOSE ON TAILS

Tails took in a DEEP BREATH.

TAILS
Well, I, myself, was removed from my family.

ALEENA
Robotnik?

TAILS
The Oracle.

Aleena STOPPED and turned to Tails.

ALEENA
I'm so sorry.

TAILS
It's okay. I was meant to.

Tails SAT on the bench. Aleena SAT next to him.

TAILS (CONT'D)
You see, the Oracle of Delphius mentioned that I have a destiny in my life. I must support the Sonic Underground and help them in their prophesy. Want to know the real reason why I have two tails?

ALEENA
(pause)
The Oracle?

Tails NODDED.

TAILS
I was only two. He said I was intelligent for my age. He came to me and said I was the one who must support the three Royal Hedgehogs. So, when Sonic found me that day, that was not an accident. I spied on the other two, Manic and Sonia, for some time. He stated that I must leave my parents and support the Royal Hedgehogs.

ALEENA
And that’s when you met me.

Tails NODDED.

TAILS
Yup, you met me.

ALEENA
I was just turning twenty at the time. I cared for you, and now it seems like you’re caring for me.

TAILS
The Oracle did a spell to increase my responsibility.

ALEENA
And your knowledge of how to work weapons and your black belts in Tae Kwon-Do and Tang Soo Do?

Tails gave Aleena an ODD LOOK.

TAILS
Nope, that was all just me. I learned those things myself.

ALEENA
Yourself?

TAILS
Well, I had a sensei, but, you know what I mean.

Aleena NODDED.

ALEENA
Yeah, I’m glad to have met you, Miles Tails Prower.

TAILS
Thank you.

Aleena HUGGED Tails. Then, they heard a BEEPING sound.

TAILS (CONT'D)
That’s the media room. Incoming message.

Tails got up and left. Aleena sat there, thinking about her children.

TAILS (O.S.) (CONT'D)
(calling from room)
Aleena, it's the Oracle!

Aleena SHOT UP and ran to the room.

INT. MEDIA ROOM

Aleena looked over Tails' shoulder on the video phone.

ALEENA
What is it?

ANGLE ON VIDEO PHONE

The Oracle is on the screen.

ORACLE
Aleena, Tails, we may have some problems. I just found out that Robotnik is building something extraordinary.

ALEENA
What is he building?

ORACLE
I don't know. I did intercept the information, but it was encrypted. You need to find the rest of the file.

ALEENA
Okay. Where?

ORACLE
Go to the Floating Island. Retrieve the discs from Robotnik's unit stationed there. Call back once you've got them.

The message SHUT OFF.

TAILS
I'll stay here, Aleena, and guide you through.

ALEENA
Good idea.

Aleena RAN to a cabinet and OPENED it. She pulled out some laser guns, motorcycle gear, a helmet, and ran out.

TAILS
Oh, Aleena!

Aleena STOPPED and looked at Tails.

TAILS (CONT'D)
Be careful out there.

Aleena NODDED.

ALEENA
Thanks, I will.

Aleena then left. She CLOSED the door behind her, leaving Tails in the darkness.

FADE OUT.

THE END